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SEVERE FIGHTING BREAKS OUT.

WUHAN FORCES WIN FIRST ROUND.

MARSHAL CHIANG LEAVING FOR THE FRONT.

WAR IN EARNEST NOW?

Fighting on a very heavy scale on more than one front is now in progress between Nanking and Wuhan. It is not quite certain when war actually broke out, but Nanking officials have been unable to keep up their strenuous denials of actual conflict in the face of the arrival of more wounded troops, and the sudden announcement of the intended departure of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek for the front.

A message received from Shanghai at eleven o'clock this morning gives details of severe fighting on the Huping-Anhui border between Hankow troops under General Yip Ki, and Nanking troops commanded by General Ha Tzu-yan.

Chiang Defeated.

After a severe engagement, the Wuhan troops routed Chiang's army and have captured Yingchuan, which is several miles over the Anhui border.

Urgent telegrams have been received at Nanking asking for reinforcements. It is now learned that the wounded men who arrived yesterday and the new arrivals are all from the battalions of General Ha Tzu-yan. It is reported that most of them were wounded in a battle in front of Hwangchow, in Huping, into which Ha Tzu-yan's forces had entered. They were driven back with heavy losses, and it is evident from the report that fighting must have been going on for at least two days.

Sudden Intimation.

The first definite indication of the outbreak occurred at a meeting of the Third National Congress yesterday morning. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was given a message which caused him immediately to leave the Congress Hall.

Later it was learned that information of war had been received, and that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had made arrangements to leave for Kuklung immediately.

He is leaving to-day and will be accompanied, it is understood, by a large contingent of Cadets from the Military Academy.

Three Fronts?

Meanwhile, the news is confirmed by Reuter which reports that severe fighting has broken out in the vicinity of the North Huping and North Anhui borders, and also to the south of the Yangtze in the vicinity of the Human-Kiangsi border, in the neighbourhood of Wansai and Tungkuhsien.

Reuter says that the news has been received from most reliable quarters, and adds that forty members of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's staff have already left for Kuklung, while arrangements have been completed for Chiang Kai-shek to leave personally for Kuklung to-morrow.

Hankow Confident.

A Naval Wireless message despatched from Hankow received to-day, states that the city is quiet and that the authorities appear confident.

The whereabouts of General Pei Chung-hsi, who has been reported at Hankow, Canton and Moji, are, says Reuter, unknown.

It is most likely, however, that he is in Hankow, and it is probable that he will be joined there by Gen. Li Chung-yen, who is expected to fly to Hankow from Canton.

Japanese Precaution.

A Reuter message from Tokyo states that owing to the anticipated outbreak of disturbances on the Yangtze between Wuhan and Nanking, the Japanese naval authorities have decided to despatch the mine-layer "Tokwa" and three destroyers to Shanghai, probably to-morrow.

From Chinese sources it is learned that Chinese gunboats have sailed from Shanghai to Nanking under the instructions of Chiang Kai-shek.

A political observer states that if Reuter's cable regarding fight

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STORMY SESSION CONCLUDES.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT GETS SAFELY THROUGH.

MEASURE SHELFED.

TOKYO, Mar. 26.—After one of the stormiest sessions on record, in which the Government's life appeared to be seriously endangered on more than one occasion, the 56th Session of the Diet ended shortly before midnight.

Although the Government weathered the storm, a number of its most important Bills were shelved, these including the Tax Transfer, which has been severely attacked on the grounds, *inter alia*, that its passage would entail the removal of an important source of revenue totalling Yen 125,000,000 annually, at a time when the country faces the prospect of a huge naval replacement programme, both in capital ships and auxiliaries, on the expiration of the Washington Agreement.

Although many observers predict that the Government, owing to the shelving of the Bills, will quit office before the summer, the Cabinet is reported to have decided to remain in office.

In the event of the Cabinet remaining, it will probably carry out a reorganisation before long.—Reuter.

WORLD WATER SPEED RECORD.

"MISS AMERICA" ADDS A FRACTION.

Miami, Mar. 25.

Commodore Garwood, the well-known American motor-boat racer, to-day set up a new world water speed record in the "Miss America VII" which averaged 93.12 miles an hour.

The previous record also established by the "Miss America" was 92.83 miles an hour.

Major Segrave hoped to beat this record with "Miss England" but the craft was badly damaged in a collision with a floating log (in competition with "Miss America") and it is thought that the British effort will not now be made.—Reuter's American Service.

THE AIR SERVICE TO INDIA.

HOPES OF INAUGURATION THIS MONTH.

London, Mar. 25.

Replying to a question in Parliament, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, said the few minor outstanding points between the British Government and the Italian Government in connexion with the projected air service to India had been satisfactorily settled, and he hoped the service would be inaugurated before the end of this month over the route originally contemplated.—British Wireless.

POLITICS IN MONTE CARLO.

ELECTION CANCELLATION AGITATION.

Monte Carlo, Mar. 25.

The issue of a Proclamation cancelling the manifesto announcing that the Elections would be held in June, has led to a resurgence of agitation.—Reuter.

M. C. C. CRICKETERS LEAVE FOR HOME.

SUCCESSFUL AUSTRALIAN TOUR ENDED.

Perth, Mar. 25.

After a wonderfully successful tour, being defeated only in the Fifth Test Match, the M.C.C. team embarked on the liner "Ormonde" for England to-day.—Reuter.

MARSHAL FOCH'S FUNERAL.

HONGKONG'S TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY.

ATTEMPT AT FRAUD.

PRINCE OF WALES & BRITISH OFFICERS IN PARIS.

LAST RITES TO-DAY.

The funeral of Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, takes place in Paris to-day, and tributes to his memory have been paid all over the world. In Hongkong this morning, a simple ceremony took place at the Cenotaph, wreaths being laid on behalf of the Ex-Active Services Men's Association and the British Legion.

The Prince of Wales, who is to represent the King at the funeral, left London yesterday afternoon for Paris, says a British Wireless message.

The troops who are to represent the British Army also left London yesterday. They consisted of the band ranks of the 3rd Batt. Coldstream Guards and two officers and sixteen men and four pipers, chosen from the London Scottish, the first Territorial battalion to land in France in the Great War.

The Royal Air Force were represented by a detachment of two officers and twenty other ranks.

DISTINGUISHED OFFICERS.

Several distinguished officers also left London for Paris yesterday, including Field Marshal Sir George Milne, who will be a pall-bearer with Lord Mothun, Lord Cavan, Viscount Allenby, Sir Claud Jacob and General Hutchinson, representing the Army; Admiral Lord Wester Wemyss and Vice-Admiral Haggard representing the Navy, and Chief Air-Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard representing the Royal Air Force. Lord Plumer, an intimate friend of Foch, left Paris on Sunday.

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COLOURED WATER AS BRANDY.

TWO CHINESE VENDORS FINED AT KOWLOON.

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Arising out of the arrest of two Chinese who attempted to sell what purported to be Hennessy brandy to Mr. F. X. Spusa, of No. 3, Minden Avenue, Kowloon, charges of fraud were brought against both men before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Both defendants were alleged to have attempted to defraud the complainant by selling him coloured water under the pretence that it was brandy.

The first defendant said the "brandy" had been given to him by a friend and he did not know that it was only coloured water.

The second accused said that he had merely gone with the first defendant.

His Worship asked if it would have been better to have brought the charge under the Food and

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ESCAPE EXIT KEYS.

The principal point of interest at the fifth sitting yesterday of the Coroner's Inquiry, held by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, into the circumstances of the King Edward Hotel fire, was the presence of a number of rattan and wicker baskets in the pile of baggage left under the staircase at the time of the outbreak.

The baggage man of the Hotel stated that the baskets were left there by a man who appeared to be one of the party of officials accompanying Marshal Li Chai-sum on his voyage up North a few days before the fire.

Mr. G. Woudenberg, a resident living in Room No. 402, on the fourth floor, said he was roused from sleep by police whistles, but attributed these to a street row. The insistent noise, however, worried him, and at length he got out of bed and went out on the verandah, which was on the Des Voeux Road side. He saw people collecting on the roadway, and realising that something must be seriously wrong, went back into his room and out into the passage. He found it filled with smoke, and for the first time realised that the Hotel was on fire.

He immediately ran down the main staircase, but was driven back by the smoke and flames after he had got down as far as the second floor. Running up the staircase, he got back on his own floor and there met the children of Mr. Witchell coming down. Mr. Witchell also came into view, together they stopped and turned back the children, ascending to the fifth floor, from where they made their escape into the basement by way of the stone staircase. Finally, they got into the back lane behind the Hotel.

Unnecessary Run.

By the Coroner: In the dark he stumbled down the steps of the main staircase and grazed his knees a good many times. He had lived in the Hotel for some time and knew of the existence of the stone staircase.

When he got into the back lane, which was with Mr. Witchell, he did not see any firemen. He proceeded straight to the receiving room of the Hongkong Hotel clad only in his pyjamas, having left everything else behind in his room.

By the jury: It did not occur to him to make for the stone staircase when he was on the third floor by simply turning to his left, instead of running all the way up to the top again.

Mr. L. M. Heras, another resident, who lived in Room No. 22, on the second floor, described how he was taken off by firemen. Like most other residents, he was lying asleep when roused by the noise attendant upon the discovery of the outbreak. In his case, he said he thought it was a burglar whose presence in the building was causing all the noise, but as he opened, cautiously, the door of his room, he sensed smoke. The corridor was filled with it, and he retreated back into his room, realising that he would in all likelihood be suffocated if he endeavoured to get through to the stone fire escape.

Rescued by Firemen.

By the Coroner: He knew of the existence of this fire escape, having stayed in the Hotel for some length of time.

Going out on the verandah he shouted into the street, and was lucky enough to attract the attention of firemen, who drew up an escape ladder which he climbed down.

By the jury: He remembered asking an Indian policeman as soon as he got down into the street what the time was, and the latter had then told him that it was three o'clock.

The Coroner: You said when you went out on the verandah the men were already outside in the street?

Witness provoked some amusement by replying: Yes, otherwise I would not be here to tell you all about it. I owe my life to those firemen.

Lau Ho, a runner and baggage man employed at the Hotel, was called to give evidence with particular reference to a number of rattan baskets of the kind used by Chinese to carry luggage, and which were stored under the staircase in close proximity to the spot where flames were first observed.

Owners of Baggage.

He said that of the pile of baggage left there, two camphor wood trunks and steel box belonged to a European called Burns, a red wardrobe trunk and a black box to the Frenchman Baille, a suitcase and a rattan basket to a Chinese named F. C. Chang, and also four Japanese rattan baskets, one large and three small wicker baskets, a bundle of bedding and a leather grip, belonging to "C. Lin."

By the Coroner: The European luggage was at the bottom of the pile. The wicker and rattan baskets belonged to "C. Lin" who occupied Room No. 205.

Inspector Lane said he had looked up the register of the Hotel and found that the room was in the occupation of the late lady doctor, Mrs. Wong Yuk-ying, who died in the fire.

Witness explained that the man known as "C. Lin" came into the Hotel at an earlier date, and left on the 8th. On the 8th, an attendant came down to stick labels on the various pieces of luggage, but only five were taken away. The remaining pieces, including the rattan and wicker baskets, were left behind. It was understood, to be forwarded on by the next steamer.

Li Chai-sum's Party.

By the Coroner: He did not know who or what this "C. Lin" was, except that he assumed he must be one of Marshal Li Chai-sum's party, who left on the Blue Funnel liner sailing on that date, this from the fact that his attendant (the same man who stuck the labels on the luggage) was seen in conversation with members of the Marshal's party.

Cheung Chung-shun, storekeeper and purchasing comprador of the King Edward Hotel, said he kept a desk in the basement of the building and sometimes slept there. He was not on the premises on the night of the fire.

He knew Chau Pak to be the watchman employed by the Hotel, but could not say under whose particular control the man was, if not under Mr. Witchell's. He understood that the two doors in the establishment—the iron gate at the bottom of the fire escape and the exit from the basement—were closed every night at 11 o'clock, the keys being in the custody of the watchman on duty. Probably, sometimes the keys were kept in the drawers of his desk.

The Coroner observed that evidence had been given by the watchman that these keys were kept by him in that desk.

Names of the Partners.

Inspector Lane said that they had gone into the basement since the previous sitting, and found the drawers of the desk referred to, securely locked. They had to be forced open, but no keys were found therein, except for an old and apparently disused key with the inscription "backgate key" on it.

Witness, replying to the Coroner, said that the watchman was not under his control. He was engaged by two men, who were partners of the Hotel business.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, Counsel representing Mr. Witchell, interposed to say that at this juncture they were not in the position to disclose the names of partners until a special order was made by the Court to do so.

The Coroner said he was trying to find out from witness whether it was Mr. Witchell or any of the partners who had control over the watchman.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., who represents the proprietors, said that the names mentioned by the witness were probably those of two of the three partners by whom he was briefed.

Upon witness claiming that he was engaged by yet another partner, and that he himself had a small interest in the business, the Coroner remarked that before long Mr. d'Almada might discover 27 "shadowy partners" in place of the three whom he represented.

The hearing was adjourned until Wednesday at 2.15 p.m.

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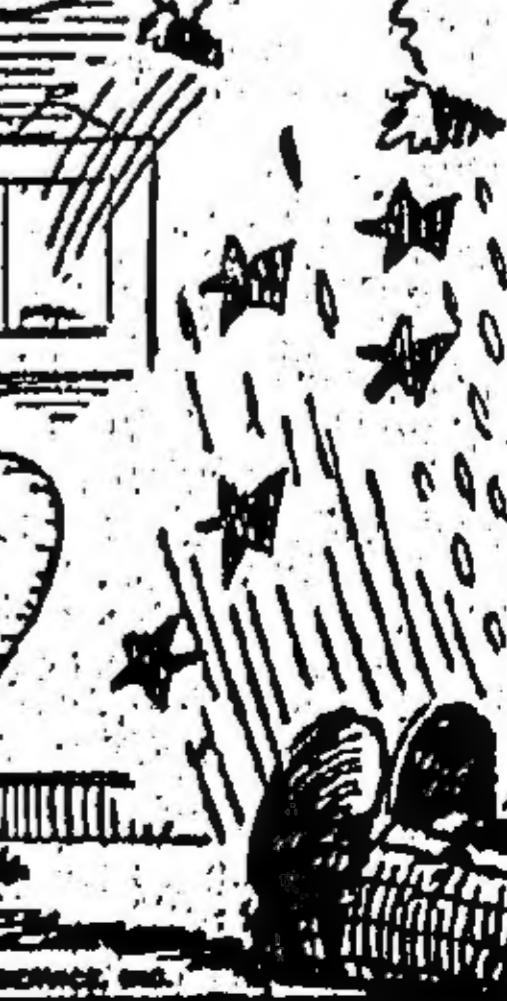


SAM JUST FLEW OVER NO WONDER WE GET TH' HOUSE WITH THAT SO MANY PHONE CALLS! HE'S BEEN MIXED UP NAME ON EVERYWHERE, I GUESS.

AN' I'VE BEEN ASKED BY PEOPLE ALL DAY ASTO WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT—BY GOLLY, I'LL CROWN TH' NEXT ONE WHO ASKS ME WHAT IT MEANS!



WELL, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?





Our picture was taken in Shanghai on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Electrical Power Engineers Association of China. It was the first of such functions.



This photograph was taken after an interesting ceremony on board the Shanghai Revenue cruiser, Liuhsing. When Liu Chao, retiring 1st Boatswain, was presented with a silver shield by the Chinese and foreign members of the Marine Department, Chinese Maritime Customs, in appreciation of his services for thirty-eight years on Revenue cruisers.



Several well-known people are shown above at a recent Shanghai paper hunt. From left to right in the back row are seen: Mr. W. Yinson Lee, Dr. Wu Lion-toh (famous plague expert), Mr. Hawking, Dr. C. E. Lim (Peking), Dr. Lim (Harbin).



Our picture shows the Embankment frontage of King's College, London, showing the brick buildings at the east end which it is proposed to rebuild in the very near future. (Times copyright).



A brief glance should reveal that the above picture was never taken in the year of grace 1929. It represents, in fact a garden-party taken in the summer of 1866 at Holly Lodge, Highgate, the residence of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. (Times copyright).



Marshal Li Chai-sum, who has been detained by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek following the Wuhan impasse. It is feared he may be held as a hostage for Canton's neutrality.



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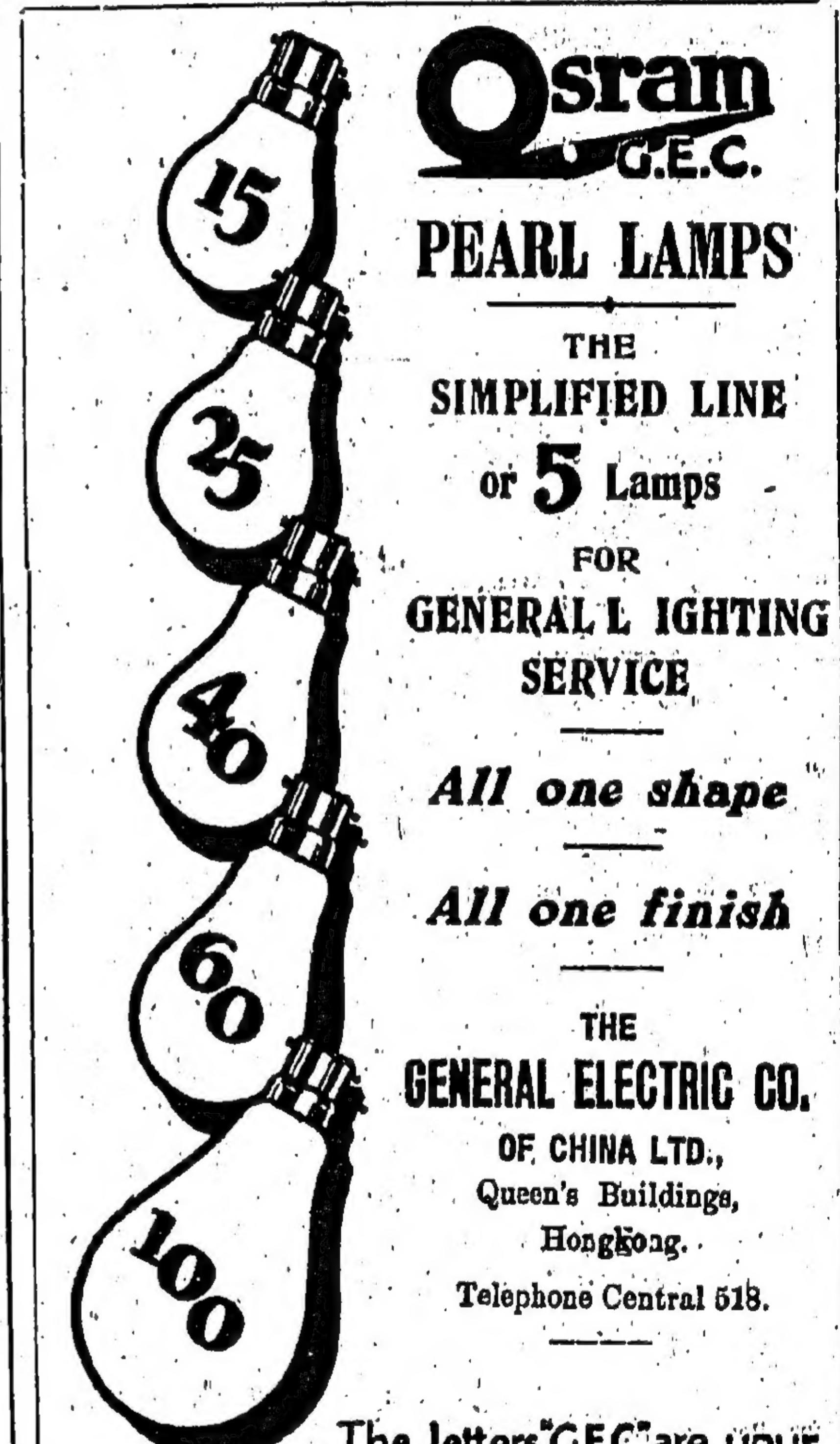
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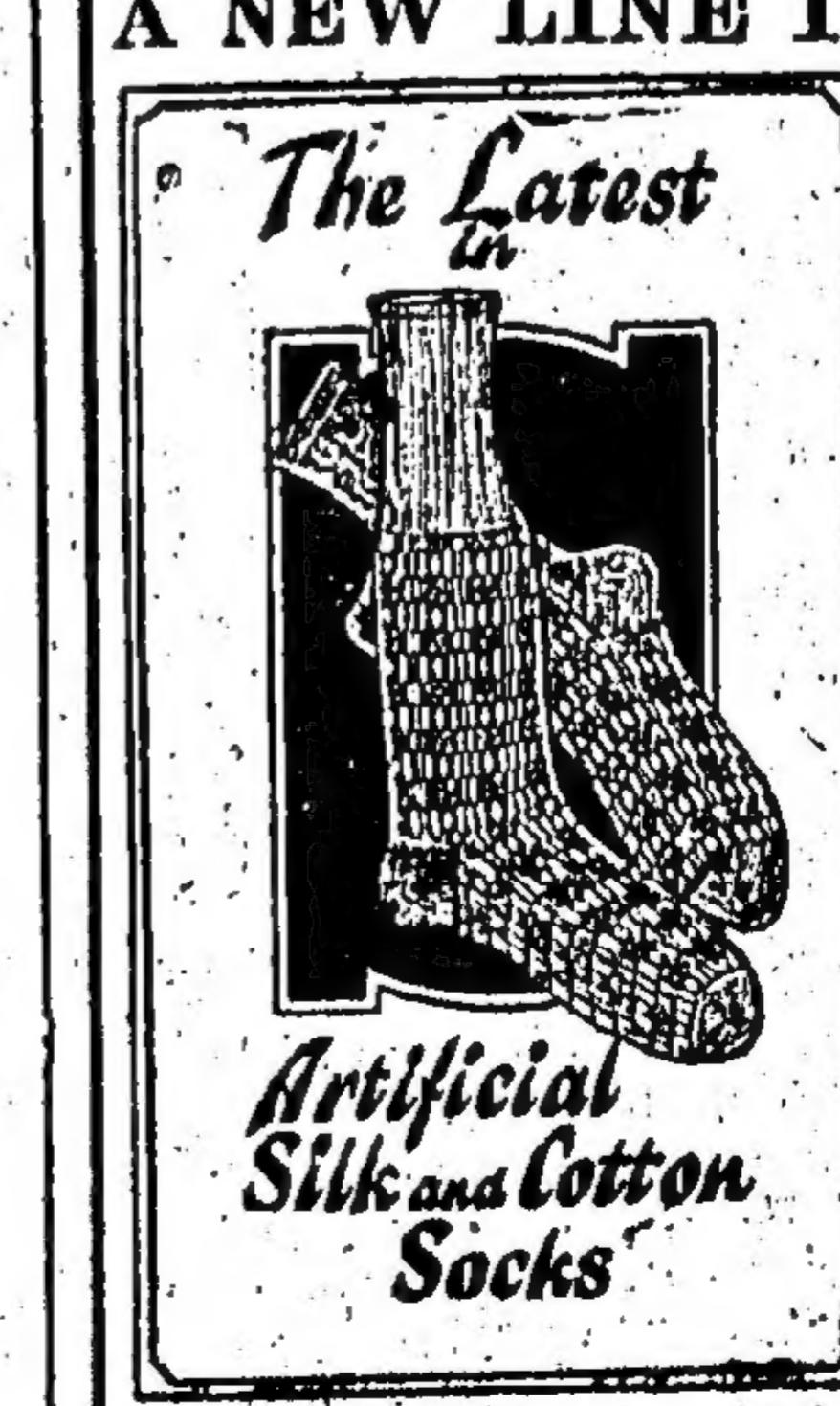


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Competing boats should be in position at the starting line by 3.30 p.m.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, not later than noon, on the 27th March.

Launches for the use of the General Public will leave Queen's Pier at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

R. J. VERNALL,
Hon. Secretary, R.H.Y.C.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1929.

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Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, at \$5 each per day up to Thursday, 28th March, 1929.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2 per day.

Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 28th March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1928.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 23rd day of March to Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Manager. Hongkong, 18th March, 1929.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 27th March, 1929, at NOON, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to the 27th March, 1929, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the

Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1929.

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on THURSDAY,

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at 3 o'clock p.m.

at their Sales Room,

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One Ingersoll-Rand 7"x6", Type

20, Portable Air Compressor,

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Horse Power 25, Air Pressure 100 lbs.

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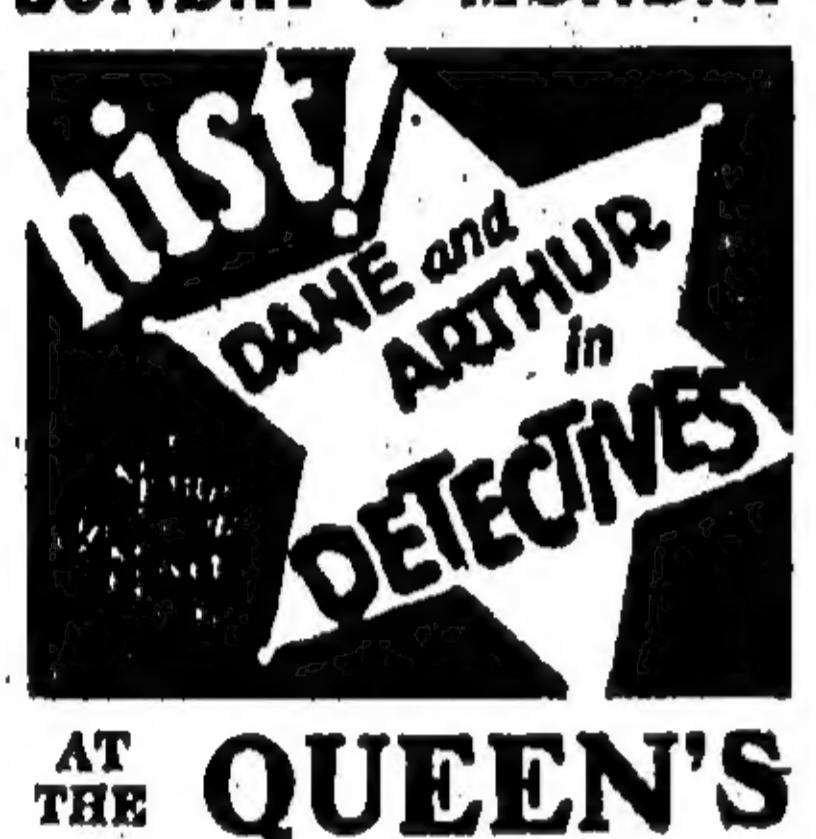
New Active, Plump and Lovely."

Shanghai School Teacher Tells How His Little Ones Have Been Helped By Baby's Own Tablets.

Mr. Li Tsien Tsang is teacher of English at the Tsai Lu Public School, Avenue Dubai, Shanghai. "My child, Shih Moi," Mr. Li writes, "frequently suffered from indigestion, diarrhoea and colds, which caused him restless nights, fretfulness and loss of his playful spirits until I gave him Baby's Own Tablets and thus succeeded in restoring the boy to health. He is now no longer fretful but is active, plump and lovely. I have also given Baby's Own Tablets to my second child, Shih Tich, and he likewise is strong and healthy through the use of them."

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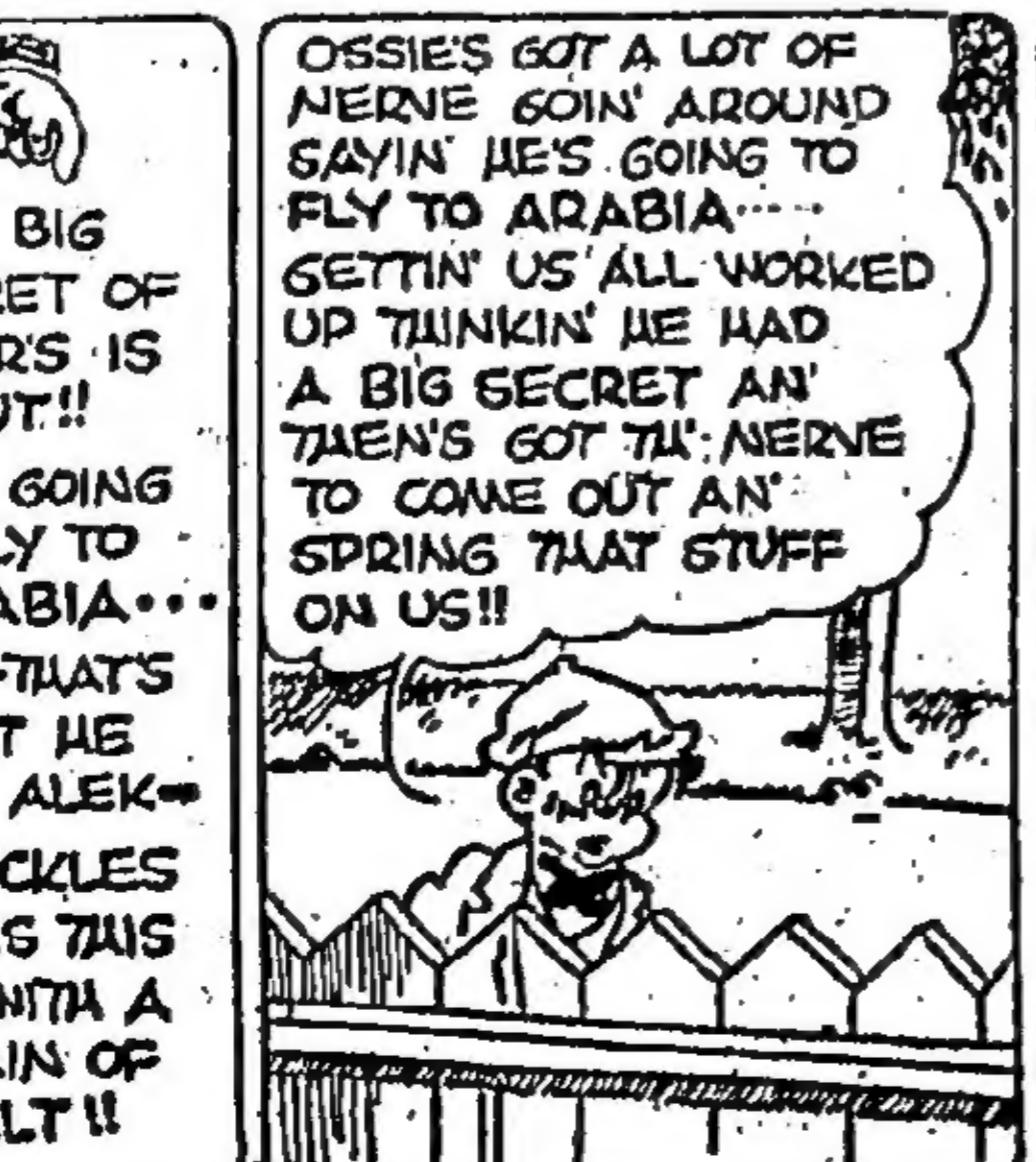
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WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Quick Beauty Treatments.

(By a Beauty Expert.)

The average business girl has no time for elaborate beauty treatments. Fortunately, these are not essential, and some of the simplest things are most effective. For instance, elderflower water and lemon juice, equal parts, is an effective bleach. The former can be bought quite cheaply from the chemist. Apply to the skin with a soft pad. The lemon juice alone will quickly remove the yellow film from teeth and stains from the fingers, and is a splendid brightener for fair hair.

For this, add to it an equal quantity of bay rum, and damp the hair with it before fixing the waving comb or pins. If the combs are left until the hair is thoroughly dry the waves will be alluringly soft and light, and will remain in several days, if a shingle cap is worn at night.

Two teaspoonsfuls of olive oil added to the shampoo before being applied to the head will give dry hair just the resilience it needs, and prevents the harshness that one sometimes gets after a shampoo.

If the hair is absolutely unmanageable after it has been washed add a tablespoonful of vinegar to the last rinsing water. This makes it "behave." Sometimes the prettiest hair loses its charm because soap has been left in. The juice of a lemon in the last rinsing water ensures every particle of soap being removed, and the hair is more lustrous in consequence.



The pleated skirt of the model on the left is made of dove grey crepe de chine, and the jumper of fine stockinette with collar, jabot, cuffs and binding of crepe de chine. Printed crepe—one of fashion's favourites this season—materializes the frock on the right; the deep rovers and the half-sleeves being in georgette to tone.

Some Marriage Considerations.

(By a Girl of To-day.)

It is very hard that although we have got so far in establishing our claim to equality, with man we still cannot induce the world to view the advantages of marriage in their right proportion.

I do not suggest that marriage is not still an excellent thing for a girl; I merely claim that it is also an excellent thing for a man and that the advantages of the contract are often about equally divided. But the world persists in taking a very different view of the case, and it is most unreasonable and provoking.

When a charming girl very kindly marries some ordinary man who is looked upon, by her elders at any rate, as being either very clever or very lucky, while he is considered either a victim or one not slouching from duty.

If a woman does not marry it is all too apt to be taken for granted that it is for lack of opportunity, or if she is a very charming spinster the best she can hope is that her acquaintances will assume she had some unfortunate love affair, which they will probably refer to as "a disappointment."

Your bachelor, on the contrary, is a creature who is congratulated on escaping the peril, or playfully reproved for his selfishness in enjoying his liberty instead of doing his duty by the State and making some little woman happy.

One never hears the words: "I wonder why he didn't marry," but "I wonder why she didn't marry" is often said, especially by one of those concealed males. And the sad thing is that women are often such traitors that instead

The Slimming Process.

(By Lady Neish.)

Do you sleep too well and too long? It is quite easy. Lots of women do it even in these days of hectic rush and pleasure. Women who are inclined to fat must rest and sleep, but only reasonably. They should avoid lingering in bed half asleep and half awake. They should shun breakfast in bed like the plague, and, above all, give up that tempting half-hour after a possibly too-good luncheon.

Sleep can be the means of a beautiful recuperation. It can also be sloth and a weariness of added flesh. It is well for the getting stout to keep her mind awake also. I know women who boast they do not bother their heads about anything, but they will find fat is a nuisance to getting about besides spoiling their looks. And they should remember it is far easier to keep thin than to get thin when once you have grown stout.

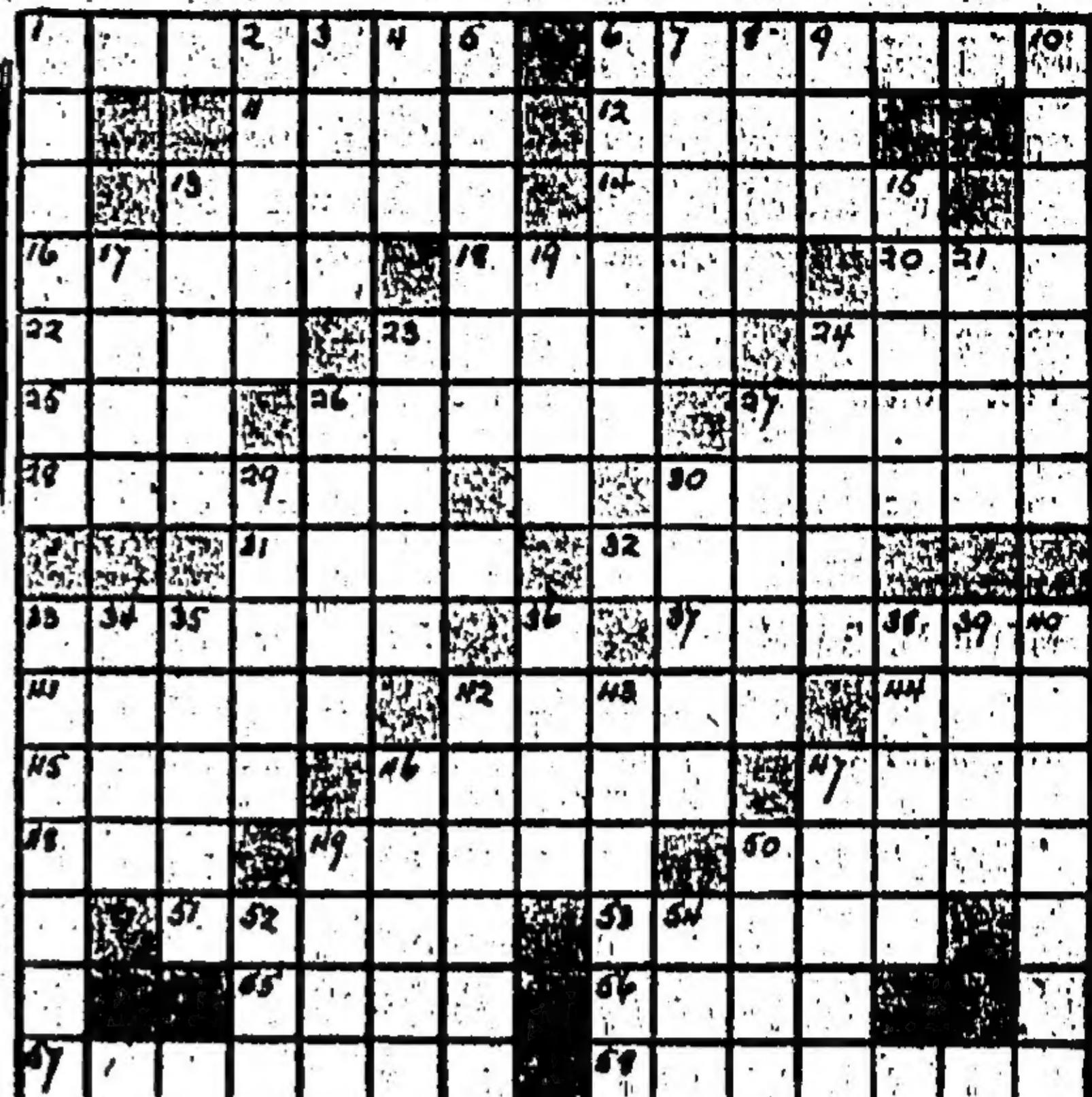
of replying, "Ha, she was so wily, she escaped you all," they produce the disappointment theory, or perhaps suggest that the friend in question didn't know how to make the best of herself.

What makes this unaccountable attitude so very galling is that actually, of course, man has all the advantage and woman all the trouble in married life. Why should a girl with a perfectly good home, run by her mother, where she probably has no harder responsibility than sometimes doing the flowers, wish to take upon herself the cares of a housewife, unless it be from motives of pure unselfishness?

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1 Exuberant.
2 Skin.
3 State of equality.
4 Made nasal sounds.
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6 Genius of the lily.
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8 Feeds.
9 Sly looks.
10 Common tree.
11 Entire.
12 Ever.
13 Helps.
14 Repulse.
15 Two-winged insect.
16 Colour.
17 Having sides.
18 Painting depicting a rural scene.
19 Appointments.
20 Special mission.
21 Minerals.
22 Bang.
23 Plundered.
24 Aid.
25 Flung.
26 Gasps.
27 Ocean.
28 Sheep.
29 One who is paid.
30 Hit.
31 Reverential fear.
32 Describe grammatically.
33 Poops.
34 Sleep like a bird.
35 Transactions.
36 Love to excess.
37 Nobleman.
38 Pierced.
39 Hospital assistant.
Down
1 Bulwark.
2 Distresses.
3 Opposite of aweather.
4 Word expressive of negation.
5 Tried.
6 Impregnated with salt.
7 Pertaining to an area.



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He who would
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LALCHAND.—On March 24th, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lalchand of 12, Fung Fat Terrace, Hongkong, a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY MARCH 26, 1929.

THE WATER PROBLEM.

The public's reaction to the Government decision to proceed with the Aberdeen waterworks scheme will probably be one of approval, in that it betokens a determination to supplement by every means possible the Colony's water supply resources. In the past, we were amongst those who doubted the wisdom of embarking on this project, feeling that the expenditure involved hardly warranted the step, seeing that there were other means available of securing a much more effective augmentation of the supply. At that time, however, there was a suggestion that the Aberdeen undertaking might enable a postponement of the completion of the Shing Mun scheme, and we felt that if any preference was to be shown it should be in favour of the latter project. All the way along, we have urged the pushing on with the Shing Mun scheme, keeping in mind the possibility that, with the supplies from this source, it might be found unnecessary to lay out a big sum on the Aberdeen works. Happily, it is no longer a question of a choice between Shing Mun and Aberdeen, for both are to be proceeded with. The thought with which we are now left is that, if the Government is erring at all, it is erring on the side of safety. From that standpoint, therefore, we can commend the decision of the authorities, for obviously it is better to have too much water than not enough. We have also to keep in mind the point that the steady growth of the Colony means increasingly heavy demands on our supplies, and from that standpoint as well it is wisdom to legislate for the future. This Aberdeen project has been long under consideration. There have been schemes for the partial as well as the complete development of the district, and the conclusion has been reached that, if the work is to be undertaken, the bigger scheme should be taken in hand. Various other sites on the island have also been considered, but all of these have been shown to be difficult of development. In the

circumstances, admitting the wisdom of new works on the island, the complete Aberdeen scheme appears the one most likely to produce best results. Its flexibility has been commented on, and one of the main arguments in its favour is that it will prove a great relief to the western districts, which always feel shortage conditions before other areas.

On the general question of the water shortage, the present situation is one giving cause for considerable anxiety and concern. It is computed that there are only ninety days' supply in the reservoirs on the island. Possibly, there is not even that extent of really usable water. With conditions thus, the question of further rationing may soon have to be seriously considered. It is expected, of course, that within the next three months the supplies may be augmented by rain, but it is not by any means certain that the fall, if any, will be sufficient really to solve the problem. In view of the possibility that hopes may not be realised, the authorities will be well advised to explore every avenue in the direction of securing an even greater conservation of supplies than is at present possible. Any extension of the restrictions may cause hardship, admittedly, but in such a vital matter it is well to husband resources to the fullest extent possible.

New Link of Empire.

The future mapped out for Prince George in well-informed London quarters will arouse the greatest interest in the Dominions. It is suggested that his appointment to the Foreign Office is the first step in an administrative education to qualify him for a Governor-Generalship of one of the Dominions, and colour is lent to the report by a statement that His Majesty is largely responsible for the experiment. It seems superfluous to add that the proposal outlined will be received with the keenest approbation in the Dominions. The regime of King George V has already made history in the forging of links of Empire. It can be said in all truth that the Dominions have never before been on such happy terms with the Mother Country as they are to-day, thanks to the brilliant achievements of His Majesty's Ministers, Home and abroad, at the last Imperial Conference, when the status of each of the nations of the British Commonwealth was clearly defined. Under that now-famous charter or resolution, the Dominions Government became responsible directly to their Sovereign instead of to His Majesty's Government in Great Britain. The Governor-General is now the personal representative of His Majesty the King, and it seems a logical step in furthering this new relationship between the Dominions and their King, that one of his sons should become his deputy. We are told that Prince George's appointment overseas is by no means imminent, but that he will probably fill the first suitable vacancy on completing a period of training, as it were, with the Home Government. It is certain, however, that the citizens of the outpost of Empire to which Prince George is eventually assigned will look upon the appointment as the greatest privilege.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Paris	124.17%
Geneva	25.22
Berlin	20.45%
Prague	163%
Lisbon	108
Rio	5.27/82
Shanghai	2.61%
New York	4.85%
Amsterdam	12.10%
Stockholm	18.20
Helsingfors	193
Athens	275
Buenos Aires	47.11/82
Hongkong	1.11%
Brussels	84.96
Milan	0.27.70
Vienna	84.62%
Madrid	81.82%
Bucharest	81.4%
Holiday	1/10%
Yokohama	26.1/16
Silver (spot)	26.1/16
Silver (forward)	26.1/16

British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

HE IS INTELLECTUALLY DISHONEST
WHO CONSCIOUSLY SUPPRESSES HIS
DOUBTS.—Dr. Donald Ross.

H.M.S. Cleopatra, one of the
cruisers bringing reliefs for the
China Station, left Colombo for
Singapore on Sunday.

The splendid troupe, "The
Samson Dancers" are giving fare-
well performances to-day at the
Queen's in conjunction with Syd
Chaplin's great comedy "Skirts."

During last week, there were
three Chinese cases of typhoid notified,
of which one was fatal. There
were also two deaths from influenza.
The small-pox figures are given
elsewhere.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin has kindly
consented to distribute the prizes
to the successful students of the
Sacred Heart College to-morrow, at
11 a.m., at the Majestic Theatre,
Nathan Road.

Amongst the passengers who left
for the President Jefferson, to-day
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A fisherman named Lam Chuen
(24) was charged before Mr. T. S.
Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy
this morning, with participation
in an armed robbery and kidnapping
on board a cargo boat at Tai Nam Chung,
between Tsun Wan and Castle Peak on March 21,
1928. The defendant, on the application
of Inspector Ogg, was remanded
for one week.

When the Hon. Commr. G. F.
Hole, R.N., sat at the Marine Court
this morning, he had before him a
master and 23 mistresses of passenger
boats, all charged with making fast to the German
vessel, s.s. Schlesien, whilst she was
under way in the Central Fairway.
Acting as spokesman for the defendants,
the master pleaded guilty and his Worship imposed a
fine of \$10, or 10 days' imprisonment
on each.

OVERCROWDING ON
HOTEL, BUS.

SEVENTEEN ABOVE THE
NUMBER ALLOWED.

The driver of bus No. 616, be-
longing to the Hongkong Hotel
Company, was summoned before
Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central
Police Court this morning, for
over-crowding the vehicle.

Sub-Inspector McWalter said
that while on cycle patrol duty,
on the 2nd instant, he stopped the
bus in Queen's Road Central. He
counted 47 passengers in the
vehicle, or 17 in excess of the
number allowed.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT
WEEK.

Orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King,
Acting Captain-Superintendent of
Police, state:

Chinese Company.

"First Aid to the Injured."—Class
for instruction in First Aid will be
held at the Company's Headquarters
on Wednesday, March 27th at 5.30
p.m. sharp.

Signalling.—The Signalling Squad
will attend at the Company's Head-
quarters for practice in Morse and
Semaphore under Crown Sergeant
R. G. Ow, Yeung Kin Heng on Wed-
nesday, March 27th at 6.30 p.m.
sharp.

Annual Examination in Part 2.—
There will be no examination in
Part 2 of Training Course at the
Company's Headquarters on Thurs-
day, March 28th.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of
the Chinese Company will parade at
Central Police Station on Thursday,
March 28th, for the monthly inspec-
tion of Arms, Equipment etc. by the
Company Commander. Fall in at
5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress Blue Uniform,
Cap with White Cover; Rifle, Belt,
Side-arms, Truncheon, Whistle, Armlet, Badge, "Pocket
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The capital charge against four
men arrested in connexion with the
murder of the gardener at Ell Colgate,
Old Kowloon Tong, were withdrawn
by Detective Inspector Lane
before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at
the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.
The prosecution substituted
charges of receiving stolen property
and the defendants were remanded
for week.

PROMISSORY NOTE CLAIM.

CHINESE ESTATE TONG SUES LOCAL FIRM.

NUMEROUS DEFENCES.

An action involving two well-known Chinese firms was commenced in the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan). The plaintiff, Lam Tung-on, as head of the King On Tong, No. 80, Third Street, is suing the Ma Pak-leung firm, No. 310, Queen's Road, Central, druggists, for money alleged to have been lent under a promissory note dated January 16, 1921, with interest.

It is alleged that the note was made by the defendants in favour of the King On Tong family and was repayable at the end of twelve months. Alternatively, the money is claimed as having been lent by the plaintiff or the King On Tong, and the further sum of \$1,798 in interest, making a total of \$4,698.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, of Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley, is for the plaintiff, while Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., together with Mr. Eldon Pottor, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, is defending.

Five Defences.

In opening his case, Mr. Jenkin referred to five separate defences which had been raised. The first, he said, was a denial that the firm made the note. The second was that the promissory note was not as defined in Section 83 of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance. The third defence alleged that the note was not properly stamped when the action was started; while the fourth was a denial that the money was lent. A plea that the action is barred by the Statute of Limitations was contained in the last defence.

Dealing with the facts, Mr. Jenkin stated that the King On Tong were the members of an estate tong, a very ordinary tong among Chinese people for running ancestral estates from which, very often, among other activities, money was lent out.

The Ma Pak-leung were very well-known manufacturers and purveyors of drugs and Chinese medicines in general. As far as counsel could foresee, one of the principal issues to be fought out was whether or not the Ma Pak-leung was a branch of the firm of the same name at Canton. The firm appeared to have its head office in Fatschan with distilleries at two places, in Kwangtung and Macao, while there were altogether twelve branches, including one at Hongkong and three at Canton.

Formal Objection.

When Mr. Jenkin produced the note, Mr. Alabaster made a formal objection.

Mr. Jenkin replied that it was true that the note did not bear the requisite stamp at the time when the action was brought, but that had now been rectified. Subject to that, he would put the note before the Court.

His Lordship said he would look at the note.

Mr. Jenkin continued that the note bore the date January 16, 1921, and read as follows:—"Hereby borrow from the King On Tong the sum of \$2,000 in Hongkong bank notes. Interest to be charged at \$1 per \$100 per month. It is agreed that this sum shall be used for twelve months, when principal and interest shall be fully repaid. This is proof". The note bore signatures and the impression of the Ma Pak-leung chop.

The money covered by the note, continued Mr. Jenkin, was not, in fact, advanced at the time the note was made. There had been previous advances of money by the plaintiffs to the defendants on other notes which were cancelled and returned to the defendants on July 17, 1921, when the present note was given in exchange. The reason for the note, bearing the date January 16, was that interest on the old loans, which were for the same sum, had been paid to that date.

It was handed to Cheung Chuk-po, the accountant of the plaintiff firm, by Ma Cheung-yu and Ma Sau-fong, two brothers of the Ma family, who were intimately connected with the firm. It was handed to the plaintiffs at Canton and provided for repayment after twelve months from the date of the note with interest, which was January 4, 1922.

Creditors' Meeting.

After dealing with particulars of other notes, counsel went on to say that between January 14 and February 18, 1926, a notice was received by Cheung Chuk-po indicating that a meeting of creditors of the Ma Pak-leung firm was to be held at Canton on April 20, 1926. In pursuance of that notice, Cheung attended the meeting which was presided over by

50,000 SCOUTS FOR JAMBOREE.

COMING-OF-AGE OF GREAT ORGANISATION.

Two additional camps will be needed for the Boy Scouts from all over the world, who will be present at the coming-of-age Jamboree, to be held at Birkenhead in July and August.

The number of boys for whom accommodation has to be provided has grown from 50,000 to 60,000.

This wonderful rally of world youth in celebration of the 21st birthday of the movement will be drawn from over 60 countries, and is described by the organisers as the most cosmopolitan gathering in history.

In the great canvas cities that are to spring up on the pleasant parklands of the Wirral Peninsula, close to the Mersey, there will be gathered together boys from every country in Europe except Russia.

Iceland and China.

There will be boys from:—Argentina, Mexico, Cuba, Peru, Iceland, Turkey, Liberia, China, Persia, Egypt, United States, Japan, Chili, Panama, Ecuador, Siam, Irak.

British Empire contingents include boys from:—India, Hongkong, Newfoundland, Malta, South Africa, Rhodesia, Ceylon, Uganda, Canada, Kenya, New Zealand, Palestine, Barbados, Trinidad, Jamaica, Burmese, Australia, Nigeria, Bahamas, Sudan, Cyprus.

Even Tristan da Cunha, that lonely South Atlantic outpost, would like to send its contingent, but cannot owing to transport difficulties. "We would gladly come if you could arrange for aeroplane transport" was the gist of their message to London headquarters.

American boys are chartering a liner for the occasion.

Of the 50,000 Scouts expected at Birkenhead, 8,000 are from foreign countries, and 2,000 from the Empire overseas.

Three Camps.

When the first Scout jamboree was held in London, in 1920, there were 1,200 boys, representing 26 nations, while five years ago at the Copenhagen gathering there were 4,000 Scouts from 33 countries.

The main camp will be at Arrovia Park, close to Birkenhead, and the two supplementary ones are at Upton Park and Overchurch, in the immediate neighbourhood.

Sir Robert Baden Powell, the founder of the movement, will be under canvas with his boys, and the camp will be under the command of Brigadier, General Godfrey-Fausett.

The Prince of Wales, it is hoped, will pay a visit, and the opening ceremony will be carried out by the Duke of Connaught, president of the Boy Scout Association.

The most spectacular feature of the jamboree will be the daily march past of the nations. In addition, visitors to the camp, who will be charged admission towards the cost of the jamboree, will have an opportunity of seeing the customs, dances, sports, pastimes and cooking of the youth of almost the whole world. Spectacular demonstrations and displays of scoutercraft are also being arranged.

the elder brother, Ma Sau-fong. He announced that he had taken over the work of chief manager from his younger brother, Ma Cheung-yu. The position of the business as a whole was discussed by the 20 creditors who were present, and they were requested to stay their hands.

Ten days later, Cheung went to see the Ma brothers at Canton and pressed for payment, but at that meeting Ma Cheung-yu handed to Cheung a letter which was to have been posted. The date of the letter was April 7.

Nothing was done in the matter of repayment and on December 19, 1926, a letter of demand was written by Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley, solicitors for the plaintiffs. A writ was issued on January 26, 1927, no reply being received to the letter of demand. On April 22, 1927, leave was given to the Ma Pak-leung firm to defend the action on payment of the money claimed into court.

Mr. Jenkin concluded his opening address by dealing with the legal points raised in the defences.

The case is proceeding.

THE GALLI-CURCI RECITAL.

FAMOUS SINGER DELIGHTS CROWDED THEATRE.

The appearance of Galli-Curci, the world-famous coloratura soprano, at the Queen's Theatre last night can be described as a musical event of the very first order. It is, indeed, to be doubted whether Hongkong has ever had a greater treat. Practically the whole world is familiar with the fame of this great vocalist, for her records are in the homes of every civilised land. But it is one thing to hear a gramophone record, and quite another to hear and to see the actual singer. And last night's recital proved one thing—that Galli-Curci's voice has a mystic, haunting charm that draws people to her; her unique, magnetic personality is no less compelling than her wonderful singing. To say that the audience was enraptured is to express the truth without exaggeration of any kind. The memory of the concert will long live in the minds of those who were privileged to hear this "Queen of Song," as she has been so aptly described.

There were some wonderful gems in the programme submitted, not only brilliant operatic arias with cascades of runs and trills, but tender melodies of deep appeal. In these extreme opposites, Galli-Curci proved herself the mistress of one as much as of the other. Her associate artistes, Homer Samuels, pianist, and Luigi Alberghini, flautist, added much to the pleasure of the evening.

From the very start, it was obvious that an evening of enchanting music was assured, but promising as the opening numbers were, the programme got even better and better. Variety and high merit were its outstanding features.

As heard from the stalls, one got the impression that in her earlier numbers Galli-Curci was somewhat restraining her powers; this, in fact, seemed to be the case for the greater part of the programme. Possibly, the acoustic properties of the theatre produced this effect, which may not have been so apparent in the circle.

The programme opened with two rather slight numbers, of which the Paisiello gypsy song was noteworthy for the extreme daintiness with which it was sung. It was in "Lo, here the gentle lark," with flute obligato, that the famous artist made her first big hit. This demonstrated the wonderful flexibility of her voice and was marked by some beautiful trills. Very clever was the vocalist's interpretation of the rapid movements in Chapi's "Carceleras, whilst the difficult tones in the plaintive melody of "Chanson Indoue" were sung with flawless purity. Bishop's Echo Song, with the first half of the programme was to have concluded, was dropped in favour of the aria from "The Barber of Seville," which can be described as one of the triumphs of the evening. This was very finely sung.

The group of three English songs which were given later in the evening proved immensely popular. Of these "My Shadow," written by Galli-Curci's husband, was very charming, whilst "The Little Damozel," reminiscent of a 17th Century madrigal, was marked by sympathy, humour and lyric tenderness. At the conclusion of this item there was a great outburst of enthusiasm by the audience, so much so that no fewer than six encores had to be given, in one of

which the vocalist played her own accompaniment. Most of these were ballads of the "popular" type, possessing no great musical merit, but evidently very much to the liking of the audience.

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PILSUDSKI COUP IN POLISH SENATE.

EX-DICTATOR BANS BUDGET ARMY "CUTS."

Marsaw, Mar. 1. Marshal Pilsudski, the former Prime Minister, who gave up office to take a rear, eure, proved by a dramatic move in Parliament to-day that he is still virtual Dictator of the Republic.

Without any warning he walked into the Senate just as the Budget was under discussion and condemned in a speech the "cuts" made by the Lower House in the military estimates. Without more ado the Senate restored all the "cuts."

Public and Press were excluded from the Senate when the Marshal made his speech, and almost all the Senators of the Opposition parties refrained from taking part in the discussion.

Marshal Pilsudski has also alleged that prior to his coup d'Etat of May, 1926, when he seized the reins of Government after a brief revolution, Cabinet Ministers used funds destined for the War Ministry to indulge in orgies at which they entertained their mistresses and political supporters.

Several newspapers to-day call upon the ex-Premier to publish the names of the Cabinet Ministers concerned.

£6,000,000 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTS.

CENTRAL BOARD'S ORDERS TO BRITISH FIRMS.

Sir Andrew Duncan, chairman of the Central Electricity Board, stated at the British Industries Fair, Birmingham, that the board had already placed contracts for over £3,000,000, and in the coming week were to place contracts for another £3,000,000.

The contracts were all being placed in England. Money was not being spent light-heartedly, but with a high degree of responsibility and a feeling that it was absolutely necessary that the schemes they hatched should ultimately pay their way.

High-voltage transmission lines in England were giving manufacturers a market at their own doors, from which they would gain experience which would be valuable in world competition.

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FORCED LANDING AT SHANGHAI.

MOTH TAKES WATER AFTER THROTTLE TROUBLE.

NARROW ESCAPES.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

Captain W. E. F. Jones and a passenger, Mr. A. Levenspiel, construction engineer in the employ of Messrs. Arnhold and Co., Ltd., had narrow escapes with their lives when the Handley-Page Moth airplane, which was recently exhibited in Messrs. Mark L. Moody's showwindow, and which has been purchased by the National Government, made a forced landing and dropped into the Whangpoo River yesterday at noon.

Captain Jones and his passenger had left the Hungtiao aerodrome at 12 noon and found flying conditions only ordinary. Over the river, the wind was a bit bumpy in a couple of places and one or two side slips were made. Ordinarily the plane is equipped with two controls but, on this occasion, only one was used.

The Throttle Control.

After being in the air for about half an hour, the pilot and his passenger found themselves crossing the Whangpoo River when, through what at first seemed a fault in the throttle control, a forced landing was found to be necessary. Later it was ascertained that the dual control throttle lever had become disconnected. A pin in the dual control set, which is in front of the pilot's seat, fell out when the engine was throttled down, and on the engine being opened out there was, accordingly, no response.

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THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

REPORT ON YEAR'S WORK PRESENTED TO GOVERNOR.

STREET SLEEPERS.

The annual report of the work done in the Tung Wah Hospital, the leading Chinese charitable institution in the Colony, was submitted to His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) at Government House yesterday afternoon, by Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Chairman of the Directors of the Hospital in 1928, who was accompanied by Mr. M. K. Lo, the Chairman of the Directors this year, and also the Directors of 1928 and this year. The report states, *inter alia*:

During 1928 the total admissions to the hospital amounted to 11,486, including 480 patients who were admitted in the previous year and who were still in the hospital at the beginning of the year. During the same period, 6,419 patients came under Western treatment, and 4,587 under Native treatment. About 3 per cent of the patients were treated in private wards and paid fees, and the rest were treated and were supplied with free medicine and food by the hospital.

Out-patients.

There were 198,508 out-patients during the year, and free medicine was supplied to them.

Maternity Cases.

In the maternity wards there were 1,895 labour cases, being 369 more than the previous year. The number was greatly increased, due perhaps to the fact that nowadays more people appreciate Western treatment in maternity cases, and expectant mothers prefer to go into hospital where more proper care is taken of them and their babies. One more mid-wife was employed in addition to the two we had for the previous year, the three doing duty by turn day and night.

Vaccinations.

The number of free vaccinations in the year was 10,634, including 2,295 performed outside the hospital for which we sent our own vaccinators. Small-pox was prevalent during the year, but fortunately we had the Small-pox Hospital at Kennedy Town repaired and got ready beforehand. We sent nurses and doctors to this hospital to attend to patients suffering from the disease, with the happy result that many of the patients were cured.

Free Burials.

During the year we gave 5,748 free coffins and burials, 3,564 of which were given to the Government Civil Hospital and the Public Mortuary. We thank the Government for the annual grants of \$10,000 to the Tung Wah Hospital and \$7,000 to the Kwong Wah Hospital for defraying part of this item of expenditure. The number of dead bodies brought in during the year was 1,424.

Destitutes.

Of the destitutes who sought relief from the hospital, 4,273 were sent back to their native homes at the expense of the hospital, being provided with free passages and clothes, and even pocket money. Among this number, there were about 3,000 refugees from the districts of Hol Fung and Luk Fung during the time of the Red Troubles. We thank the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, for the trouble he took in communicating with the Harbour Office, and for granting us permission to hire junks to carry the destitutes home.

Accounts.

We have placed before Your Excellency the accounts which have been audited. The accounts of the various funds controlled by the Directors were about the same at the end of our term as when we took them over, except as regards that of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital hereinafter mentioned. On February 4, a cheque for \$32,340.79 being balance of the subscription towards the typhoon disaster of the year 1906, was received from the Hon. the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and this amount was paid into the Hospital Emergency Fund. The expenditure of the year was much greater than that of the previous years owing to the increase in numbers of patients treated, and in sundry expenses, such as lime-washing of the whole hospital buildings, the provision of the seats for out-patients, the engagement of a number of male nurses, and the establishment of a training school for female nurses. Fortunately the revenue showed a considerable increase due to more subscriptions having been raised, and more interest having been received. The balance of the financial year shows a credit of \$95,148.07 and the accumulated surplus of the previous year stands

LAWN TENNIS.

THREE SINGLES MATCHES UNFINISHED.

Three matches were played in the Open Singles at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday, but none of them reached a decision. Two got as far as a fourth set; while one reached a fifth, when owing to failing light, the match had to be abandoned.

The most interesting contest was the re-play between S. A. Rumjahn and J. S. McEachran. It will be recalled that these two played on Friday, but the match was abandoned when the score was two sets all. Rumjahn yesterday held the advantage and was playing well towards the end, but an appeal for failing light was sustained.

How evenly Rumjahn and McEachran are matched was shown in the first set, the latter eventually winning it after 14 games. Rumjahn was at times brilliant, but was inclined to be erratic; while McEachran was content to let his opponent make all the mistakes. Rumjahn steadied down and won the next two sets with the scores at 6-3 in each. He was leading by two games to one in the fourth set when the match was abandoned.

However, another match, that between H. D. Rumjahn and M. K. Lo, did not stop until half an hour later. H. D. Rumjahn won the first set by 4-0, and lost the next after 24 games. Lo continued to play well and won the third set by 6-4, but Rumjahn led by four games to three when the game had to be abandoned owing to bad light.

The match between Lim Peng-chin and J. Hale reached the final set, Lim, the Variety champion winning the first two with the scores at 6-1 in each, but losing the next two at 6-2 in both. Lim was leading by three games to two, but the light was too bad to allow the match to go on.

All these matches will have to be replayed, that between Lim and Hale on Thursday, and that between Lo and H. D. Rumjahn on Friday. The date of the match between S. A. Rumjahn and J. S. McEachran has not yet been fixed.

The Results.

S. A. Rumjahn lost the first set to McEachran and led by 0-8, 0-3, 6-3, 2-1 (game unfinished).

M. K. Lo lost the first set to H. D. Rumjahn and led by 4-0, 13-11, 6-4, 3-4 (game unfinished).

Lim Peng-chin won the first two sets from J. Hale and led by 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 2-6, 3-2 (game unfinished).

Mixed Doubles—S. E. Green and Miss Heard (ove 15) beat E. R. Price and Miss Mofat (rec. 4/6) 0-1, 2-0, 8-6.

To-day's Games.

Matches for this afternoon are: Open Singles—T. Honda v M. W. Lo.

Handicap Singles—"A" v L. Goldman (ove 15/4) v G. W. Sawell (ove 15/1); L. Forster (ove 15) v Lieut. D. Smith (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Doubles—L. W. E. Bishop and W. Woodward (rec. 4/6) v O. E. C. Marlon and H. Owen Hughes (ove 15/1); S. E. and D. S. Green (ove 15) v H. J. Armstrong and J. G. Lawrie (ove 4/6).

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HABEAS CORPUS APPLICATION.

EXTRADITION OF CHINESE REFUSED.

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL.

The application of Mr. H. G. Sheldon, on behalf of Chan Hong-chuen, for a rule nisi and a writ of *habeas corpus* in the extradition case appeal was granted and the applicant was discharged by the Full Court yesterday, after a hearing extending for a whole day.

Chan Hong-chuen is wanted by the French Authorities of Indo-China for an offence against the bankruptcy laws. He was committed by the Magistrate but was given the opportunity of appealing. The Chief Justice remarked he was "almost terrified" at an argument of illegality put forward by Mr. Sheldon.

The application was opposed on behalf of the Crown by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy. Mr. H. G. Sheldon was instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby of Russ and Company.

Points for Defence.

Points put forward by Mr. Sheldon were as follows:

(a) That the applicant should have been discharged on January 21, 1929, and that all subsequent proceedings were illegal.

(b) That the extradition proceedings, being capable of being initiated only by a warrant under the provisions of Section 8, above referred to, evidence was required to be taken by a Police Magistrate before issuing such warrant.

(c) That the Magistrate had no jurisdiction to commit the accused because

(1) There was no evidence before him that Haiphong is situated in a Colony or Foreign Possession of France.

(2) Haiphong is not situated within a Colony or Foreign Possession of France and

(3) there are no provisions in the Extradition Treaties made between France and Great Britain for extradition proceedings between Hongkong and the province of Tonquin, in which the town of Haiphong is situated.

(d) That the Magistrate had no jurisdiction to commit the applicant because there was no evidence adduced that he had committed a crime against the bankruptcy laws.

Mr. Sheldon quoted instances of where special treaties had been made between Great Britain and France with regard to Tunis, a Protectorate, which he said was of the same status as Haiphong, for which there was no special treaty.

Chief Justice "Terrified."

In dealing with the illegality point, Mr. Sheldon argued that a Magistrate required not only the Order of the Governor but also such evidence as would, in his opinion, justify him in issuing the warrant. The Magistrate, he said, had issued the warrant without the provisions of a certain section being complied with, so the applicant was taken illegally into custody and had been illegally in custody ever since.

Sir Henry remarked that the argument almost terrified him. He added, "Take an extreme case. A warrant is issued without sworn information. The man is arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced in the Higher Court. Everything is invalid because of that initial illegality."

Mr. Sheldon replied that if the Attorney General filed an indictment he thought now proceedings would start, but in the case of a sentence by a Magistrate he would go as far as that.

Sir Henry said that if Mr. Sheldon was right there must have been hundreds of cases where such had occurred. There must be some authority to show that Mr. Sheldon was right.

Evidence of Offence.

When Mr. Sheldon was dealing with the lack of evidence of an offence, Sir Henry pointed out there was some evidence that the applicant had entered amounts in books showing payments to a dead person, and apparently the money went into his own pocket.

Mr. Sheldon agreed that that would be an offence if it was in relation to the applicant's own affairs. He further argued that there was not sufficient evidence to show that they were fictitious entries, that there was no evidence that he had committed an offence against the bankruptcy laws of England, and that there was evidence to show that the applicant was the manager of the firm and not the owner or a partner. Counsel added, in this respect, that he did not know of any bankruptcy law that would make the manager of a firm bankrupt.

Another point made by Mr. Sheldon was that the depositions were

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"Good Little, Bad Little You."

"Just a Night for Meditation."

Ukulele Ike (Cliff Edwards).

"Rambling Along the Highway."

"I Just Roll Along, Having My Up and Downs."

(from "Clovers in Clover.")

Baritone, Jack Hubert.

"Roses of Yesterday" (Berlin).

"Old Man Sunshine" (Warren).

Concertina, Norah Blaney.

"Hear Dem Bells" (Negro Spiritual).

"(A) I See My Love at the Window."

(B) Callipee.

Lions Quartette of Seattle.

"The Kettle Suite" (Foulds).

No. 1. "The Chorus."

No. 2. "The Lament."

No. 3. "The Call."

The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

"Cleopatra—Triumphant March,"

(Maudlin).

The Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

"Oh Kay!" Vocal Gems.

Columbia Light Opera Company.

"Girl Friend," (Selection).

Plansford Solo, Billy Mayerl.

"Silent Noon."

"Peace."

Baritone, J. Dale Smith.

"Gipsy Suite" (E. Gorman).

No. 1. "Vale (Lonely Life.)"

No. 2. "Allegro" (The Dance).

The Plaza Theatre Orchestra.

"Thousand and one Nights—Waltz,"

(Strauss).

"Frouf Fuch Des Lebens—Waltz,"

(Strauss).

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orch.

"The Devout Lover."

"She is far from the Land."

Baritone, Edgar Coyle.

"Wiener Blut—Waltz" (Strauss).

"Roses of the South—Waltz."

(Strauss).

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orch.

"O Loveliest Beyond Compare."

"O Voice of Magic Melody,"

(Mozart). (from "Magic Flute.")

Burlesque Recital by William McCulloch.

"Song of the Sea," Selection.

His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra.

"Evening Bells."

"Serenade,"

Don Cossacks Choir.

10.10 p.m. News Bulletin.

"Two Movements in Symphonic Form," (A Compilation of

Schubert's "Unfinished,"

Symphony) (Frank Merrik).

1. Scherzo.

2. Poco Allegro.

The Royal Philharmonic Orch.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

SAID, SAND, SANE, DANE,
DONE.

not witnessed by a person on oath, neither did they bear the official seal of the Minister of Justice, or a Minister of State. He asked their Lordship to take judicial notice that, according to his instructions, they bore the seal of an inferior civil servant, the public prosecutor.

Mr. Fitzroy then replied.

JUDGMENT DELIVERED.

Giving judgment, the Chief Justice said that the case had been fully argued and the grounds upon which they proposed to give their decision might be shortly stated. Much of the difficulty in the case had been caused by the extraordinary uncertainty which prevailed in the minds of those responsible for the initiation of the proceedings.

Two warrants were taken out in the first instance. In the first one, which was based on information dated December 28, 1928, the charge appeared to have been one of embezzlement. The prisoner was charged, but apparently the proceedings could not be continued under that warrant, and consequently another information was sworn and the charge there appeared to have been an offence connected with deeds.

A warrant was issued on which the man was arrested. Both the warrants were discharged and then, in the end, an application was made for the extradition of the prisoner because he had committed a bankruptcy offence according to the law of Indo-China.

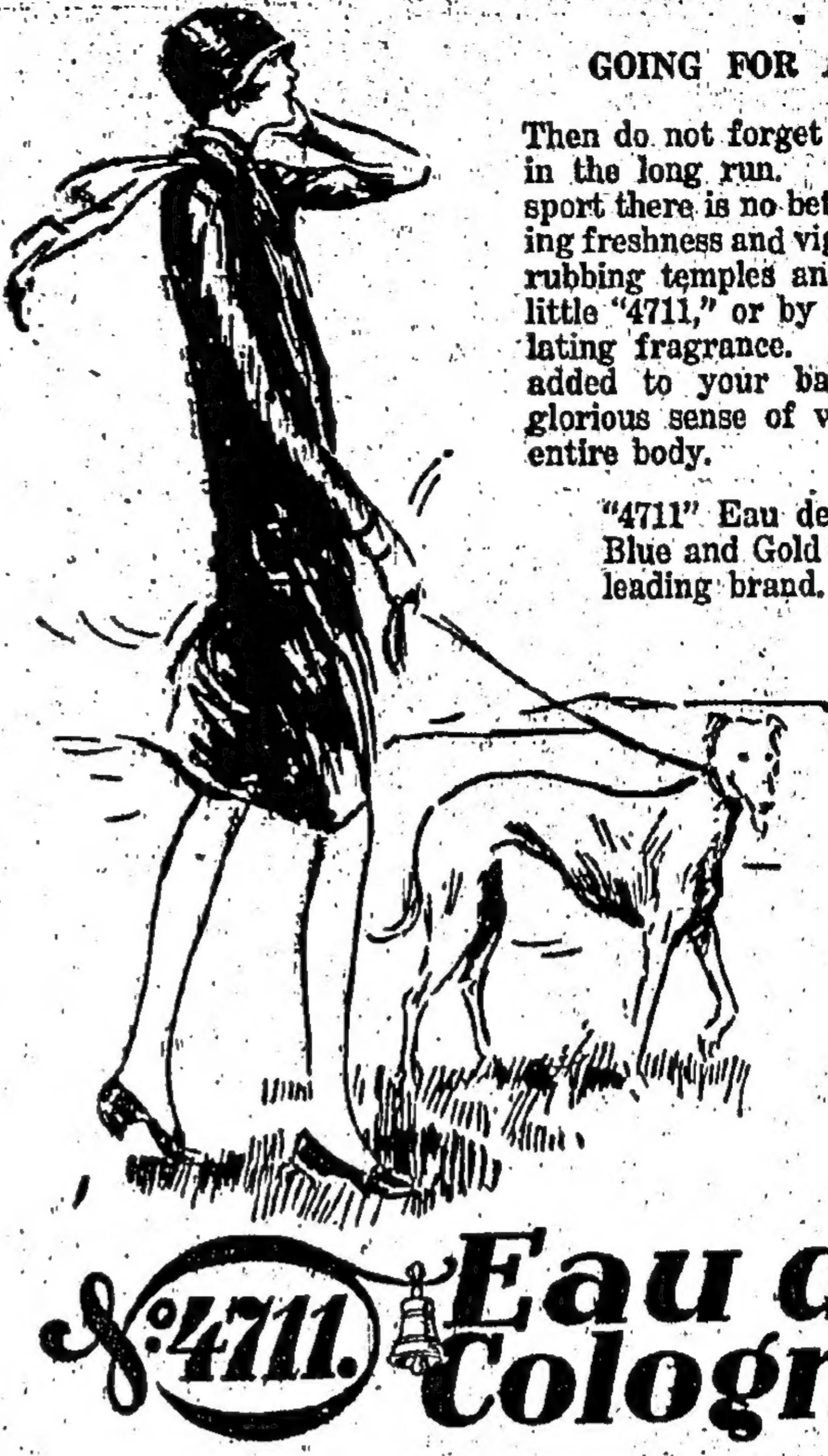
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Sir Henry added that other questions had been raised but they did not come in for consideration.

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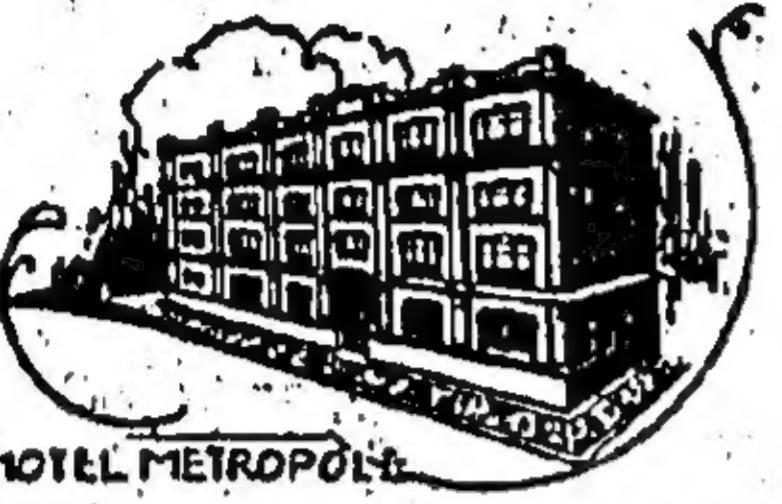
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This is due to the operation of the half-yearly revision of the bonus, which is based on cost of living index figures.

"On September 1 last year the figure fell to 65, the lowest level recorded," Mr. S. Slocombe, the treasurer of the Civil Service Clerical Association, told a reporter. "The new figure is five points above September's figure.

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CLEVER IMITATIONS IN CANTON.

Clever forgeries of wrappers for electric torches and for their accompanying batteries, in all sizes, both of the products of the Eveready Company and the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of America have been discovered and confounded in Canton at the instance of the legal representative in China of the two firms concerned, Mr. N. T. Allman.

It appears that when Mr. Allman was in Shanghai about a month ago he found torches being sold in a large number of Chinese shops, that were a very clever imitation of the American product. They were sold in cartons which were identical in their colouring to the American make, the instructions as to use being the same, and the only difference being in the name of the factory.

The torches themselves were exact replicas of the American manufacture. Mr. Allman immediately set about making an investigation to discover the source of production and located it in Canton. He then left for Canton, where he was surprised to find that not only were his suspicions as to the torches correct, but that the shops there were flooded with batteries with counterfeit labels.

These labels were apparently a lithographic imitation of the originals, and only an experienced eye could tell them from the genuine. He eventually found the source of production and appealed to the police for action against the producers. The Chief of Police immediately issued search warrants and a raid was made on two printing establishments with the result that between 5,000 and 6,000 unused labels, both of the Eveready and the Winchester were discovered and seized.

The defendants were arrested and given a preliminary hearing in the courts, and on the strength of the evidence produced against them were ordered for trial.

The Canton case resembles very much the cases tried in Hongkong some months ago in which convictions were obtained and heavy sentences imposed.

Mr. Allman considers these cases very serious ones as he is informed that large numbers of these torches and batteries are being shipped to ports all over China, to Singapore, Bangkok and many other places in the Far East.

I'M ALONE SINKING INCIDENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Services won the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre with two palms.

Captain Also Hit.

New Orleans, Mar. 25. Captain Randall was hit by a bullet below the hip, and his leg is partly paralysed.

The issue largely revolves on the question of the I'm Alone's position when she was first sighted by the coastguard men who declare she was within the twelve mile limit.

Capt. Randall and his crew are equally emphatic that they were two or three miles outside the limit.

The coastguard headquarters have received a report from Captain Gamble, commanding the coastguard forces in the Gulf of Mexico, stating that after investigation he regarded the action of the Dexter as "proper and commendable."

Captain John Randall, master of the I'm Alone, who is a Canadian, declares that he refused to surrender because he was outside American jurisdiction. A hundred shots were fired, and the vessel sank in five minutes. The crew jumped into the water and were picked up by American cutters.

Reuters' American Service.

London Opinion.

London, Mar. 25. The State Department at Washington has promised to furnish the British Ambassador as speedily as possible with detailed information as to the sinking of the I'm Alone. It is felt in authoritative quarters in London that comment on the position will be inopportune until the Ambassador's report is received, but if the facts are as reported the case certainly appears to call for further investigation on the part of the British Government.

French Interest.

New York, Mar. 25. It has been established that a seaman drowned when the I'm Alone was sunk was a French citizen named Leon Malengay. The British and French Consuls are discussing the position.

Reuters' American Service.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN SMALLPOX.

JUST OVER THIRTY CASES LAST WEEK.

BUT FEWER DEATHS.

The small-pox returns for the past week show a slight increase in the number of cases notified, compared with the previous week, but fewer deaths.

In all, there were 31 cases reported, and 47 deaths. All were Chinese, and one was imported. Of the cases, 17 were from Victoria; 13 from Kowloon and one from the New Territory. The total number of cases since the outbreak first appeared is now 1,142, with 816 deaths.

The following table gives the weekly returns since November 3.

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	3	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	3	25
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	23
December 22	81	22
December 29	73	38
January 5	80	48
January 12	85	44
January 19	91	83
January 26	78	77
February 2	67	63
February 9	80	59
February 16	47	61
February 23	54	59
March 2	51	34
March 9	37	42
March 16	26	51
March 23	31	47
	1,142	816

WONDER PLANT SECRET.

PRODUCTS FOR THREE INDUSTRIES.

London, Mar. 2. A new hybrid plant, called brotex, for which remarkable claims are made, is now being grown on a farm in Devon.

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In London Roof Garden.

In a roof garden in a building near Piccadilly a Press representative was yesterday shown the plant in various stages of growth and the three products which can be obtained from it.

Sir George Courthope, acting chairman of the company, which is developing the discovery, explained that a commercial crop of fibre is obtainable in the first season's growth. Seeding taken place at the end of the second season.

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HOTEL DISASTER REFERENCE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

silver investments, of which the prices of many are now standing at a very high level.

You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus of 16 per cent. on their salaries being granted to the staff. I do not think there is anything further in the accounts which requires special mention.

Hotel Fire Disaster.

The past year has been comparatively uneventful from an insurance standpoint and, although there have been no fire losses of unusual importance in the Far East, severe outbreaks in many other parts of the world where the Company operates were responsible for heavy claims.

I cannot close without making brief references to the fire which occurred in the King Edward and Savoy Hotels on the morning of the 11th instant, a disaster which was unfortunately attended by the loss of several lives, and I would take this opportunity of expressing our deep sympathy with the relatives and with those who suffered injury whilst effecting their escape from the burning building.

This was quite the worst outbreak which the Colony has experienced since the Hongkong Hotel Fire on 1st January, 1926, and it is greatly to the credit of the Fire Brigade that they were able to prevent the whole of one of the most important blocks in the business centre of the city from becoming involved.

After the resolution, which I am now about to propose, has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which shareholders may wish to put. I now propose the following resolution:—"That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$43 per share, an addition of \$247,422.68 to Sterling Reserve, of \$100,000 to Silver Reserve, the transfer of £4,758-16-10 = \$47,932.79 to the credit of the Reinsurance Fund, and the payment to the staff of 16 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed."

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, and, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

Business Matters.

On the proposal of Mr. Ho Leung, seconded by Mr. D. V. Stevenson, the retiring members of the Consulting Committee were re-elected. These were as follows:

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay and T. E. Pearce.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors, on the proposal of Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by Mr. C. Savard Remedios.

Besides the Chairman, there were present the following members of the Consulting Committee:—Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay and T. E. Pearce. The following shareholders were also present:—Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. D. V. Stevenson, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. J. H. Seth, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. G. V. Osmund, Mr. C. Savard Remedios, Mr. M. H. Lo and Mr. H. W. Moon (Acting Secretary).

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